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The Humble

ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

AND

COMMONS,

In Parliament Assembled,

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY

On *Thursday* the Sixteenth Day of *March*, 1726.

WITH

His Majesty's

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

LONDON,
Printed by *John Baskett*, Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty, and by *Tho. Norris*, Assignee to *George Hills*. 1726.

Die Jovis, 16 Martii, 1726.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Address of both Houses of Parliament, presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Published.

Wm Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor'

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament Aſſembled.

Die Martis, 14 Martii, 1726.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and faithful Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons of *Great Britain*, in Parliament aſſembled, think it our indiſpenſible Duty to expreſs the higheſt Reſentment at the Affront and Indignity offered to Your moſt Sacred Majeſty by the *Memorial* delivered by *Monſieur de Palm*, the Emperor's Reſident, and at his Inſolence in printing and diſperſing the ſame throughout the Kingdom.

This audacious manner of appealing to the People againſt Your Majeſty, under the pretext of applying to You for Redreſs and Reparation of ſuppoſed Injuries, and turning a *Memorial* preſented to Your Majeſty into a ſeditious Libel, is a proceeding that creates in us the utmoſt Abhorrence and Deteſtation.

The endeavouring to inſtil into the minds of any of Your faithful Subjects the leaſt Diſtruſt or Diffidence in Your Majeſty's moſt ſacred Royal Word, or to make a Diſtinction between Your Majeſty and Your People, is an attempt as vain as preſumptuous; for by Your Goodneſs the Intereſt of Your Majeſty and Your People is but One, and as inſeparable as their Duty, Affection, and Confidence in Your Majeſty are moſt juſtly and deſervedly unalterable: And if time has not effaced the memory of the glorious Exploits, and important Succours (confeſſed to have been received from *Great Britain*) Gratitude, Affection, and Eſteem for this Nation will be beſt manifeſted by doing Honour to the King, whom the People honour, and Juſtice to the People, whoſe Rights and

Privileges

Privileges the beſt of Kings is now defending againſt the Invaſions and Encroachments made upon them.

We return Your Majeſty our ſincereſt Thanks for Your Care and Vigilance in diſcovering the ſecret and pernicious Deſigns of Your and our Enemies, and for Your Goodneſs in communicating to Your Parliament the Dangers that threatned this Kingdom.

And we beg leave to aſſure Your Majeſty, that no Amuſements by artful or evaſive Denials ſhall lead us into a falſe Security, or divert us from exerting our ſelves in Vindication of Your Majeſty's Honour, and in defending and ſupporting Your Majeſty againſt all Your open and ſecret Enemies both at home and abroad

And if any among Your own Subjects have been ſo wicked, as to countenance, encourage, or abet the Diſturbers of the Publick Tranquillity in this extravagant Inſult upon Your Majeſty, or flattered them with Hopes, that an obſtinate Perſeverance in their deſtructive Meaſures could ſtagger the Firmneſs of the *Britiſh* Nation, we are reſolved effectually to defeat all ſuch groundleſs Expectations, and to convince the World, That the Intrigues of a few cannot in any degree abate or ſlacken that Vigour and Reſolution, with which a true Love and Concern for our Country, a juſt Senſe of its Intereſts, and an unſhaken Loialty to Your Majeſty have inſpired us.

His MAJESTY's moſt Gracious ANSWER.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

YOur unanimous Concurrence in this dutiful and affectionate Addreſs gives Me the greateſt Satisfaction. The juſt Concern you expreſs for My Honour and the Dignity of the Crown is very becoming a Britiſh *Parliament; and this freſh Proof of your Confidence in Me will convince the World, That all Attempts to divide Our Hearts and Intereſts will be vain and ineffectual.*